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MEMORANDUM ON SPECIAL GROUP MEETING ON 17TH OF MAY

1. Dr. Ray Cline briefly discussed his observations in South Vietnam and Formosa. No actions required.

2. Photographs of the Kamchatka patrol flights were examined. It appeared that because of cloud cover and distance, the photographs are of questionable value. McCone observed that the flights apparently caused the deployment of SU-7s into the area.

3. The CIA proposal for the support of the [redacted] [redacted] was reviewed and approved. The Group felt that the paper was somewhat deficient and proposed that future papers for Special Group action contain some, but not all, of the details in the May 16th memorandum on this subject which was prepared for the DCI. McCone stated that future presentations will keep this suggestion in mind. McCone emphasized the assignment of [redacted] [redacted] this program and agreed to report periodically to the Special Group with respect to this program. 25X1 25X1 25X1

4. The proposed allocation of [redacted] was approved. 25X1

5. The proposed program for political support for the Dominican Republic as outlined in the paper covering this subject, dated May 15th and memorandum dated May 17, was approved subject to Alexis Johnson checking with our Ambassador whose views have not been received. However, it was felt that he generally approved the program.

ACTION: It was agreed that this program would be kept under continuing surveillance and that a report would be made to the Special Group once every 90 days.

Our meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

JOHN A. McCONE  
Director

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